

EXAM TASK – Reading

Read the article about an unusual student in Kenya.
Choose the correct answer (A–C) for each question (1–5).

An unusual student

There is an unusual student in Class One of Kapkendulywa Primary School in Kenya. Kimani Maruge is Class One's star pupil. But he is a bit different from his classmates. Kimani Maruge is 85 years old. He wears a hearing aid and uses a stick to walk. But every morning he arrives at the school and sits down in the classroom.

'I can't read or write, and now this is my chance to learn,' Kimani says. 'For the first time there is free education in Kenya. It is very important to me. A person is never too old to learn.'

Jane Obinchu, the head teacher of the primary school, agrees with her new pupil. 'I think it is a good idea,' she says.

Kimani has to do the same as all the other students in the class. He has to sit at the same desk and wear the same uniform – a white shirt, blue shorts and a blue jumper. He is a very good student. He works very hard in class. Kimani's teacher, Ezric Muniu, says, 'Kimani is so clever. Now he reads the newspapers.'

Joseph and Charles are Kimani's classmates. They are both eight years old. Joseph says, 'Now he is our friend. He teaches us songs and tells us stories about the old times.' Charles agrees. 'My grandparents live very far from here, so it is good that we can have Guga.' Kimani's nickname in class is Guga. It means 'grandad'.

Education in Kenya is now free and for everyone. But there aren't enough schools. In Kapkendulywa Primary School there are now 890 students – that's 100 pupils in each class! 'But we are happy that so many children have a chance to learn,' says Mrs Obinchu.

- 1 Kimani Maruge is an unusual student because he
A is older than the other students.
B is a very good student.
C cannot hear very well.
- 2 Kimani Maruge goes to school because he
A wants to become a teacher.
B has a lot of free time.
C doesn't have to pay for it.
- 3 In the classroom, Kimani Maruge
A doesn't do much work.
B wears special clothes for school.
C reads newspapers.
- 4 Kimani Maruge's classmates
A don't accept him because he's too old.
B laugh at him.
C like him very much.
- 5 In Kenya
A there are many good schools.
B only rich people can go to school.
C there are a lot of pupils in classes.

EXAM TASK – Listening

 **LISTENING 25** Listen to five young people talking about a special event in their lives. Match each question (A–F) to one of the speakers (1–5). There is one question you do not need.

Which speaker is talking about:

- A a sports event? _____
- B clothes they don't like wearing? _____
- C their wedding? _____
- D an important birthday party? _____
- E a new family member? _____
- F a music event? _____

EXAM TASK – Use of English

Choose the correct alternatives.

Barry Comprehensive School is a secondary school in a small town in South Wales. It's only forty-five years old. ¹*There are / There is* about 1,500 students, but they don't live at the school – they live at home. They start school when they are eleven and leave when they are sixteen or eighteen. There aren't ²*some / any* girls in Years 7–11 but there are some girls in Year 12. There's a girls' school in the town as well.

The school is a comprehensive and it's free for students. Most students ³*live / lives* in the town or in the local villages. Students either walk to school or come by bus. The boys start school at 8.50 and they ⁴*don't have to / have to* wear a uniform: a green sweatshirt and black trousers.

Sport is very important at Barry Comprehensive. There are rugby, cricket, basketball and football teams that play against ⁵*some / any* of the other local schools.

Gethin ⁶*is going / goes* to Barry Comprehensive School, he ⁷*is studying / studies* for his A-levels. Because he's in Year 12, he ⁸*doesn't have to / has to* wear a uniform. Today he's wearing jeans and a T-shirt. His best friend Cai is not in school today. This morning he ⁹*is doing / does* work experience at the local newspaper.